



Tacoma Pierce County Coalition to End Homelessness

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Friday Coalition Meeting Chat – December 9, 2022

00:18:30 - Paula Anderson: - Thank you Rosemary

00:19:23 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Zoom Norms

Mute yourself when not talking.

Use Zoom's raise hand feature if you have something to say.

Limit distractions by turning off your camera if you need to take another call.

00:19:33 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Community Norms

Lead with a racial equity lens.

Be aware of power dynamics.

Challenge concepts, not people.

Listen to learn.

One person speaks at a time.

Speak from your own experience.

Make space, take space.

Assume best intentions and take responsibility for impact.

Be aware of time and agenda.

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00:20:52 - Christine Lindquist: - Yay! Mindy's back!

00:22:54 - Mindy McCoy: - Mindy McCoy Rebuilding Hope mindy@hopesacpc.org, mmccoy12@yahoo.com

00:23:15 - Rosemary Powers: - Audre Lorde in a 1979 speech:said "When I dare to be powerful — to use my strength in the service of my vision, then it becomes less and less important whether I am afraid."

00:23:46 - Dean Frazier: - Hi Everyone! Dean Frazier, Community Engagement, Molina Health Care, Medicare, WA state. dean.frazier@molinahealthcare.com

00:23:58 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Hi Dean. Thanks for joining today!

00:24:32 - Dean Frazier: - Hi Rob! Honored to be here.

00:24:35 - amber rowe mosley: - Amber Rowe Mosley

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We house youth age 18-24 who are experiencing homelessness/aging out of foster care/fleeing domestic violence. We are looking to bring in CBO's and other youth serving agencies to reduce barriers of access to young adults.

00:24:58 - Rebecca Weatherby: - Good morning everyone. We have a client here at District Court who is in need of clothing for his children (general basics including winter wear). Any resources you can share with me? (Rebecca Weatherby, Social Service Specialist with Pierce County District Court treatment courts)

00:27:47 - Jay Worley: - Alan, could i have you contact info please

00:28:10 - Rob Huff (he/him): -

<https://www.cityoftacoma.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=169&pageId=133588>

00:28:20 - Timothy Harris: - <https://www.kiro7.com/news/local/tacomas-camping-ban-nearly-month-effect-continues-draw-controversy/GAYJ6TVOR5FUBDML3EU2ZBMKYI/>

00:28:51 - Jeffrey Boyce: - Rebecca, clothing banks at Brotherhood Rise and Nativity House, and Tacoma Rescue Mission.



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- 00:29:30 - Sally Perkins: - Walking in the Hilltop, it is eerily "quiet" as so many people have been swept but it's not clear where they are now. Worrysome, given the ongoing difficult weather.
- 00:30:18 - Richard Dorsett: - Sweep currently underway on South Tacoma Way near Tacoma Rescue Mission.
- 00:30:22 - Christine Lindquist: - You can also share any items in the chat and I'll add them in for you.
- 00:31:18 - Jay Worley: -
https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/10Ec_bw5KKsFQidzRN7XkM6yea6vHzDOYf0m5IfjgdpU/edit?usp=sharing
- 00:31:42 - Paula Anderson: - @Chrisine and Jay. We received 400 pairs of gloves to share with outreach teams.
- 00:31:57 - Gerrit Nyland: - Sign up for that listserv at <https://pchomeless.org/Home/Listserv>
- 00:32:30 - Gerrit Nyland: - DEM = Department of Emergency Management
- 00:32:46 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Gerrit!
- 00:33:57 - Jennifer Ammons: - I imagine the need is partly dependent on how many sweeps occur, since people tend to lose possessions in those.
- 00:39:35 - Jay Worley: - Thank you paula and Christine
- 00:43:52 - Cynthia Stewart: - The power point I just shared:
- 00:44:02 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Thank you, Cynthia!
- 00:44:23 - rita lawrence: - Good Morning Everyone,
- 00:44:31 - rita lawrence: - Happy Friday!
- 00:44:39 - Isiah Cocroft: - Hi Rita!
- 00:44:47 - Cynthia Stewart: - Super majority of the Council is required for new taxes, not for budgeting.
- 00:48:30 - Rob Huff (he/him): - AMI = Area Median Income
- 00:48:43 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Thanks for sharing that nuance about tax Cynthia.
- 00:48:53 - Courtney Love: - poor aren't buy a lot of frivolous things, but many necessities are taxed - like tampons
- 00:50:10 - Jay Worley: - dippers, toilet paper and all other household needs are taxed.
- 00:50:40 - Bob Vollbracht: - On my way out to buy propane for small heaters. Thx Bob
- 00:53:02 - Courtney Love: - public/private partnership is only necessary because of the neo-liberal demand for private profits - not because government can't provide services. I set the expectation for that to change. no private prisons, no private healthcare, no charter schools, etc...
- 00:53:08 - Dr. Douglas Jarvie The Salvation Army: - I have a question about the behavioral health care tax. Was it successful?
- 00:53:09 - Christine Lindquist: - Great notes, Timothy!
- 00:53:53 - Paula Anderson: - Have to run everyone! Have a great weekend!
- 00:54:09 - Stacey Soltoff: - seconded, Courtney!
- 00:54:20 - Cynthia Stewart: - I can do a much more in-depth, thorough discussion of advocacy later, if this group would like.
- 00:57:06 - Jay Worley: - BRB
- 01:10:07 - Jay Worley: - back
- 01:12:19 - Stacey Soltoff: - gotta cut out. have a client. have a great week, all!
- 01:12:38 - Dean Frazier: - Room 9
- 01:13:07 - Adam Reichenberger: - Room 1 –
-Advocating for the people in the agencies who do the work. Nonprofits have been tasked with providing a safety net, but we have no way of gathering income other than to go to the counties/cities begging.



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Sometimes this works, sometimes it doesn't. Don't always feel like a partner. Bring everyone to the table because we have a common purpose. We need strong organizations with strong staff.

-Advocating for people on the street, but what happens to us as agencies, when people are camping on our doorstep—it's the irony, I want to be supportive and yet I also have to have a bit of a business mind set.

-On the business side, it's also wonderful to hear some businesses describe folks camping on their property as a blessing—it adds an extra layer of security. When a business owner extends dignity, it makes folks much more prone to being cooperative partners.

-Advocating for better cooperation, communication and coordination across governmental jurisdictions
01:13:24 - Isiah Cocroft: - • - How can arts and creative engagement be used for advocacy? Interested in using an installation and naming tents after those who have passed away, calling attention to folks who have died. Finding alternative routes to advocating without confrontation.

- - Communication with city council regarding on going issues. Speaking with council members about visible issues the community, especially regarding
- - Having a unified front for engagement with council members and having clear communication with other community providers.
- - Shifting culture conversations to understand housing and homelessness as a systemic issue instead of an individual issue. On going problems with community members viewing houseless people as deserving housing despite personal choices such as substance use issues or criminal background.
- - A great numbers of areas people can work in to promote health for houseless people.
- - Rite Lawrence, Richard Doresett, Jeffrey Boyce, Isiah Cocroft

01:14:51 - Cynthia Stewart: - Room 5: Want to advocate for more resources, both for meeting needs like housing and for safety for those at risk. Need more of (to help with advocacy): time away from work to be able to do it; information about when to participate (when are the meetings); mentor/peer/buddy so am not so alone in the process.

01:15:16 - Matthew Jorgensen: - mjorgensen@cityoftacoma.org (253)591-5054

01:15:21 - Rob Huff (he/him): - FOB Hope is a veteran's village at S. 82nd and Pacific Avenue. Just for folks who are new.

01:15:36 - Christine Lindquist: - Room 10

Advocate for:

Camping ban cancelled

Rent control

Longer term, systemic change - stable, safe, accessible housing instead of temporary shelters

More progressive tax system

More funds into the housing trust fund

What need:

Consistent talking points to be used across people

Way to get self and others committed and engaged to responding to public statements around these issues
- list of where comments should be made

More companions engaged in advocacy - opportunity to connect with others looking to do this work in real time

How to know what bills related to homelessness are in front of the legislature?

Data that shows where resources are

01:15:41 - Courtney Love: - rm 6, 4 people, 2 restricted by gov employment.



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*rent control ban reversal w/statewide rent control

*publicly funded elections

*rank choice voting

*power mapping is essential work for advocacy

01:16:09 - Sally Perkins: - Matt, what is the status of S Tacoma Way encampment near TRM? Thank you.

01:16:53 - Courtney Love: - so the city, citing environmental reasons for sweeps, are prioritizing harassment of people over cleaning up as they go!?! wtf

01:17:11 - Matthew Jorgensen: - Hi Sally, the encampment cleanup of the encampment along South Tacoma Way near TRM has been under way this week.

01:17:25 - Courtney Love: - *citing

01:17:42 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - thanks

01:18:01 - Dean Frazier: - Advocating for Rent Control Policies for more affordable housing options.

Accountability for the money spent by agencies and service providers so we know how and where the money is being spent. Advocating for providers to engage in conversations with each other about what we do and what we provide for the populations we serve in order to strengthen community and eliminate fracturing and overlapping of services. Let's work together to sit at the same table facing the same direction.

01:18:03 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Matt. Was that the original proposed timing, or was the timing moved up? Thank you.

01:18:08 - Timothy Harris: - Group 3: There was discussion about non-profit political advocacy and the lines between electioneering and direct and grassroots lobbying, and how some large agencies avoid political controversy with silence on partisan issues. It would be helpful to have more information on the success of the behavioral health tax. A formerly homeless woman talked about how the cost of a 1BR is unattainable for so many, and how landlords are not willing to work with people with poor credit and low incomes. Homelessness is "not where people want to be. It's just where they are at the moment. It would be useful to have some arguments aimed at low-income people who are opposed to any regressive taxes.

01:19:06 - rita lawrence: - My name is Rita Lawrence and I work for the YMCA Social Impact center for Arlington Apartments here in Tacoma. I am a case manager and a community engagement specialist. We accept Young Adults who are homeless from 18-25 for families or individuals who are looking for 1 and 2 bedroom apartments. We also partner with Tacoma Housing Authority who also share a space in our building. We encourage folks to apply on our Arlington Apartments website <https://arlingtonapartments.org/> Rita Lawrence rlawrence@seattleyymca, feel free to reach out to me for questions. thank you

01:19:22 - Jay Worley: - ChaQuata could you please add your contacts to chat. thank you

01:19:50 - Christine Lindquist: - Happy to volunteer for PIT count!

01:19:56 - ChiQuata Elder: - celder@cityoftacoma

01:20:08 - Tod Gunther: - Yes, it's important to know that the homeless have often been a blessing to businesses. Some have described greater building safety to me, bad guys being chased out at night by them, etc. I remember talking to a gas station near a camp once that loved their extra help. The media loves to only print the bad stories and photos, creating a wholly negative image.

01:20:09 - Valeri Almony: - <https://www.piercecountywa.gov/4719/Homeless-Point-in-Time-PIT-Count>

01:20:17 - Jay Worley: - Thank you and thank you for being here today

01:21:26 - Courtney Love: - Good points, Tod

01:21:47 - ChiQuata Elder: - cityoftacoma.org/rentalhousingcode



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- 01:21:54 - ChiQuata Elder: - TacomaRHC@cityoftacoma.org.
- 01:22:04 - Matthew Jorgensen: - Hi Sally, that was the original proposed timing (it began last Friday).
Depending on the size of the encampment and how many folks we're trying to connect to services, some cleanups can take weeks to complete.
- 01:22:38 - Rob Huff (he/him): - I appreciate those points, Tod. I had that same experience a few years ago when a homeless neighbor lived outside the nonprofit building where I was working in downtown Tacoma.
- 01:22:47 - Sally Perkins: - Thank you, Matt. Lots of moving parts to the schedule. Appreciate your details. Thanks for being here.
- 01:24:04 - Dana Peregrine: - room notes - fear is important to acknowledge & acknowledge council members are people just like us in a difft role (thank you Cynthia)... home ownership is the first step, very important to also provide education about all involved, like the ongoing expenses and maintenance involved in home ownership.... advocate for individuals and advocate for systems change, advocate for equitable systems (which may mean additional resources for groups to get to equity). There are government officials now supportive of this type of change.... never assume someone else is doing advocacy. Sometimes surprising how few people are talking to govt officials when it seems so many more are... take advantage of zoom to testify! is easy and not as scary as in person... ask people to come to a council meeting with you, i.e., mentor..... support 1/10 of 1% - prevention is cheaper than fixing. fi don't pay now/upfront, will pay more later.... for those county council members on the fence try to get people in their district to speak out.
- 01:24:57 - Sally Perkins: - Nice job on the notes, Dana, thank you so much.
- 01:26:22 - Dr. Douglas Jarvie The Salvation Army: - KOMO Toy Drive for The Salvation Army happening today at Bridgeport Fred Meyer. Stop by and say hi if you are in the neighborhood. Buy a toy if you're able.
- 01:28:24 - Jennie Schoeppe: - Resources from TPCHD: Flu page www.tpchd.org/flu, flyer about free adult vaccinations (flu and others), 638040325432530000 (tpchd.org). Save the Date for the Urban Grace event with Pierce County Aids Foundation (PCAF) and Tacoma Needle Exchange (TNE), Jan 9, 10th 8a-4p. Urban Grace Church at 902 Market Street.
- 01:28:28 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - thank you
- 01:28:31 - Cynthia Stewart: - Thank you, Courtney! I had the same reaction.
- 01:31:14 - Christine Lindquist: - Excellent choices!
- 01:31:46 - Tod Gunther: - What Dana said. Invitation for everyone to advocate more personally. As a City Councillor, I can say that we seldom hear from folks on different topics. So any one person who emails your represenatation or speaks at the podium can often make a big impact.
- 01:33:37 - Tod Gunther: - PS. Cynthia is a blessing. She's done so much for our cities.
- 01:34:07 - Dr. Douglas Jarvie The Salvation Army: - Hey, everyone. I had a good experience finding a food pantry manager from a reference from this meeting. Now I'm in desperate need of a driver and warehouse help. If you have a friend or know someone who is looking for a job, let me know.
- 01:34:08 - Rob Huff (he/him): - Homeless Memorial
- Date: 12/21/2022 - 6:00 PM
- Location: Shiloh Baptist Church - 1211 S I St, Tacoma, WA 98405
- Program: A remembrance of people experiencing homelessness who passed away in the past year.
- 01:34:24 - Rebecca Weatherby: - Have another meeting. Thanks everyone! Have a good week.
- 01:34:46 - Dr. Douglas Jarvie The Salvation Army: - Douglas.Jarvie@usw.salvationarmy.org
- 01:36:22 - Jay Worley: - that is super awesome
- 01:36:44 - Timothy Harris: - A good project to construct and hand out



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01:37:14 - Jay Worley: - what is the job and web site?

01:37:19 - Christine Lindquist: - Can you post that job? I'm happy to share it.

01:38:03 - Courtney Love: - tent safe copper coil alcohol heater - untested and unendorsed by LEC

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1N-q3Zu6jngpSJdXUoSkWI4YKb26RCvAV/view?usp=drivesdk>

01:39:33 - Lavada Kent-Napier: - books for teens

01:40:33 - Rob Huff (he/him): - <https://vimeo.com/779393597>

01:41:21 - Rosemary Powers: - theresa Power-Drutis at tpdrutis@nctacoma.org for contact about 99 stockings holiday program (with gloves, socks, hats, toiletries, some sweets, and other small useful items)

01:42:07 - Christine Lindquist: - Good meeting, Rob! Excellent facilitation.

01:42:20 - Tod Gunther: - What goes well is Rob Huff himself :-)

01:42:35 - Christine Lindquist: - And Tod's hat!

01:42:48 - Tod Gunther: - Lol

01:43:00 - [Janne@lasa⁸wa.org](mailto:Janne@lasa8wa.org) Hutchins: - lasapierce.org